# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

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ACQUISITION OF INTERCEPTOR CRAFT
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the present strength of interceptor craft available with the Customs Department;

(b) whether the Department of Customs is planning to acquire more interceptor craft to increase its surveillance in the Indian waters as reported in The Times of India dated January 29,2007;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the cost involved thereof; and

(d) the time by which these interceptors would be put into operation?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The present strength of Interceptor crafts with the Customs department is 24.

(b) Yes,Sirs/Madam.

(c) A total of 22 Interceptor vessels of 12 Meter length and a maximum speed of 40 knots are to be procured. The total expenditure planned for this acquisition is Rs.106.93 crores including purchase cost of 22 vessels, Annual Maintenance for five years beyond 1st year of guarantee period and cost of base & depot spares likely to be required during the first five years of operation.

(d) The vessels are likely to be ordered by June 2007 and the delivery of the 1st vessel will be in June 2008. Thereafter, one vessel will be delivered every month and the delivery will be completed by March, 2010.